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SUBJECT: 72 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES - GLOMAR CONCEPTION

REFS: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 2659; (B) STATE 107782

1. VICE PRESIDENT GEISER OF ESSO SINGAPORE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT DEFENDER WILL ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE WATERS AT 1700 MAY 15 LOCAL TIME WITH 72 REFUGEES ABOARD (SEE REF A FOR BACKGROUND). HE AND U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICE HERE CONFIRM THAT DEFENDER IS AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL OWNED BY OFFSHORE LOGISTICS INC. (AMERICAN COMPANY WITH HEADQUARTERS AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA AND BRANCH OFFICE IN SINGAPORE). VESSEL IS UNDER CHARTER TO ESSO EXPLORATION, INC., AND IS NORMALLY USED TO SUPPLY GLOMAR CONCEPTION OIL RIG.

2. GEISER SAID ESSO AND OFFSHORE LOGISTICS HAVE DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE ACTION CONTRARY TO HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES TO TRANSFERO REFUGEES BACK TO FISHING BOAT
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AFTER IT REACHES SINGAPORE WATERS AND THAT MASTER OF

VESSEL WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO BRING THEM INTO PORT.

3. SINCE REFUGEES WERE PICKED UP BY AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS (SEE REF A), EMBASSY ASSUMES FROM GUIDANCE PARAS 3 AND 4 REF B THAT USG WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM. GOS WILL REQUIRE IRONCLAD ASSURANCE USG WILL RESETTLE REFUGEES BEFORE IT PERMITS REFUGEES TO LAND ON ST. JOHN'S ISLAND.

4. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND INFANTS ABOARD REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES PRIOR TO 1700 LOCAL TIME, IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT REFUGEES CAN BE PERMITTED ASHORE. EMBASSY WILL REQUEST LOCAL BAPTIST MISSION AND OTHER RELIEF AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE. SINCE ICEM REP STEWART LEFT SINGAPORE FOR HONG KONG YESTERDAY, REQUEST DEPARTMENT ARRANGE WITH ICEM AND ADVISE EMBASSY ONWARD TRANSPORTATION SOONEST. CRONK

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